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10          A system and method for integrating a legacy IP-PBX to a session initiation protocol (SIP) network supporting one or more SIP sets. A SIP-PBX proxy server coupled to the legacy IP-PBX and the SIP network maintains a logical IP set for each SIP set on the SIP network. The logical IP set is configured to maintain IP-based signaling and media connectivity with the legacy IP-PBX. The SIP-PBX proxy server receives media directed to a logical IP set associated with a particular SIP set, and redirects the media to the particular SIP set. In 15 doing so, the SIP-PBX converts messages that adhere to a private, vendor-specific protocol, to messages that adhere to the SIP protocol

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